

NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

RONALD J. TENPAS
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Nine Executive Drive, Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208, Telephone (618) 628-3700

For Immediate Release

JANUARY 27, 2004

Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on January 23, 2004, **Daniel Wayne Roepke**, age 50, formerly from Columbia, Illinois, was sentenced to a total of eighty-seven (87) months imprisonment for his convictions in two separate cases that were consolidated for sentencing. In the first case **Daniel Wayne Roepke** was convicted, following a jury trial of three counts of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), and one count of Making a False Statement to U.S. Probation, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. In the second case **Daniel Wayne Roepke** entered pleas of guilty to the offenses of: [Count 1] Mail Fraud in a Scheme to Defraud The Pawn Shop, Anthony Hiles, T&T Brokerage and ADM Investor Services, Inc., [Count 2] Mail Fraud in a Scheme to Defraud The Pawn Shop, Anthony Hiles, and Capital One Services, Inc., both in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341. **Daniel Wayne Roepke** was ordered to serve three years supervised release following his release from prison and will be required to pay restitution to the victims of the fraud in the amount of \$199,900.

The investigation and prosecution was the result of **Roepke's** conduct while employed by The Pawn Shop in Granite City, Illinois, where he used assets of The Pawn Shop and assets of the owner of the Pawn Shop without consent. **Roepke** had falsely assumed the identity of Anthony Hiles to open a commodities trading and brokerage account through T & T Brokerage in Columbia, Illinois. Roepke additionally opened up credit cards and lines of credit in the name of The Pawn Shop and Anthony Hiles without consent. During the investigation it was discovered that **Daniel Wayne Roepke** had additionally possessed firearms while he was a prior convicted felon and had lied to U.S. Probation while on supervised release about his possession of the firearms, and he was therefore prosecuted separately on that conduct.

The successful prosecution follows an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Granite City Police Department. The prosecution of the case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Norman R. Smith.